
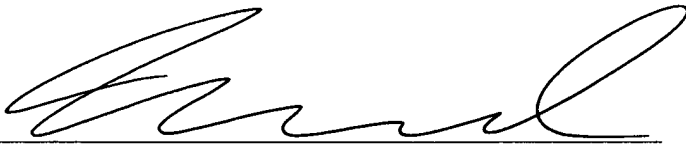
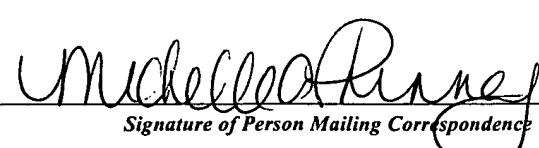


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In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0369.